

REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are currently pending in the present application. Claim 14 has been amended to correct a typographical error that was pointed out by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-17 and 21, drawn to controlled release formulation, classified in class 424, subclass 78.1.

Group II: Claims 18-20 and 22, drawn to method of preparing liquid form of the controlled release composition, classified in class 424, subclass 78.1.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I, the subject matter of claims 1 - 17 and 21.

Applicants fully reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected subject matter in one or more related applications. Also, Applicants note that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants are entitled to consideration and allowance of the non-elected claims that include all the recitations of the allowed generic claim.

Applicants respectfully request that the above remarks be entered and made of record in the file history of the instant application.

Respectfully submitted,

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